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SUBJ: SERVICE OF AMBASSADOR ON EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CARNEGIE
FOUNDATION'S HERO FUND

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1. REFTEL INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT DETAILS CONCERNING NATURE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CARNEGIE FOUNDATION'S HERO FUND AND AMBASSADOR'S DUTIES SHOULD HE SERVE THEREON.

2. THE HERO FUND WAS ESTABLISHED BY ANDREW CARNEGIE AS A NON PROFIT ENDOWMENT INSTITUTION. THE FUND IS NOT REPEAT NOT CONNECTED WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FOUNDATION IS INCORPORATED IN ROYAL DECREE NUMBER 124 OF MARCH 9, 1912. ARTICLE 3 OF THIS CONSTITUTION PROVIDES THAT "THE FUND HAS THE PURPOSE OF REWARDING ANY HEROIC DEEDS ACCOMPLISHED IN ITALY OR ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS BY A MAN OR A WOMAN TO SAVE A HUMAN LIFE IN TIME OF PEACE." ARTICLE 4 PROVIDES THAT IF THE FUND HAS AN ANNUAL SURPLUS THE FUND SHALL MAKE DONATIONS IN FAVOR OF PERSONS"...INJURED IN CASE OF ACCIDENT, GIVING PRIORITY TO CASES LINKED WITH HEROIC DEEDS."

3. AMBASSADOR'S DUTIES ARE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 12. "THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE AWARDING OF REWARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ART.3 AND ART. 4." ALSO OF IMPORTANCE IS ARTICLE 25: "THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE NO PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATIONS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS,"
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AND ARTICLE 26: "THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND THE

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE NOT REMUNERATED. IF
THEY BEAR THE COST OF THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS
THEY SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR EXPENSES."

4. EMBASSY HAS STUDIED ENTIRE CONSTITUTION WITH CARE AND
UNABLE TO DISCERN ANY CONFLICT WITH THE U.S. CONSTITUTION
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